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SUBJECT: MAP TRAINING FOR BRAZIL

1. THE CURRENT FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT (FAA) CONTAINS A LIMIT OF 31 NATIONS ELIGIBLE FOR OVERSEAS MAP TRAINING. THIS LIMIT WAS SET BY HOUSE-SENATE CONFEREES LATE IN THE DELIBERATIONS AND REPRESENTS A REDUCTION FROM THE PREVIOUS LIMIT OF 40. THE REDUCTION IMPACTS ON ARA IN PARTICULAR BECAUSE OF TRADITIONAL RELIANCE BY LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS ON TRAINING IN THE PANAMA CANAL ZONE.

2. OUR CURRENT EFFORTS TO IMPROVE OUR RELATIONS WITH ECUADOR AND END FISHING BOAT SEIZURES RELY HEAVILY ON OUR RENEWED SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. ECUADOR HAS INDICATED A DESIRE TO UTILIZE OVER 180 SPACES AT U.S. SCHOOLS IN THE
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CANAL ZONE, AND WE DESIRE TO BE RESPONSIVE TO ECUADOR'S

TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

3. BECAUSE OF HIGH LEVEL COMMITMENTS IT HAS PROVEN IM-
POSSIBLE TO MAKE SPACE FOR ECUADOR ON LIST OF ELIGIBLE
COUNTRIES BY ELIMINATING A NON LATIN AMERICAN NATION. THERE
IS SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT FOR AN ATTEMPT TO EXEMPT ALL LATIN
AMERICAN NATIONS FROM THE 31 NATION LIMIT BEGINNING IN FY
76 ON GROUNDS OF THE CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH OUR LATIN AMERI-
CAN NEIGHBORS AND THE EXISTENCE OF UNIQUE FACILITIES DEDICA-
TED TO A REGIONAL PROGRAM. HOWEVER, TIME IS TOO SHORT TO
ACCOMPLISH THIS FOR FY 75. CONSEQUENTLY WE ARE CONSIDERING
SUBSTITUTING ECUADOR FOR ANOTHER LATIN AMERICAN NATION
PRESENTLY ON THE LIST FOR FY 75.

4. BRAZIL IS A LOGICAL CHOICE FOR REPLACEMENT ON THE LIST
BY ECUADOR INASMUCH AS IT IS ANTICIPATED TO HAVE THE SMALL-
EST FY 75 PROGRAM AT CANAL ZONE SCHOOLS. AVAILABLE FIGUR-
ES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

FY 71 72 73 EST. 74 PROJECTED 75

31 37 2 8 23

SIMILAR FIGURES FOR TRAINING IN THE U.S. ARE:

FY 7L 72 73 EST. 74 PROJECTED 75

453 279 288 284 388

WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE BRAZILIAN MILITARY REGARD U.S.
MILITARY SCHOOLS IN THE CANAL ZONE AS GENERALLY INFERIOR
TO SIMILAR BRAZILIAN SCHOOLS. TRAINING IN CONUS IS PRE-
FERRED.

5. SHOULD BRAZIL BE REPLACED ON LIST OF NATIONS ELIGIBLE
FOR OVERSEAS TRAINING, THE FOLLOWING FACTORS ARE RELEVANT:

A. COURSES IN CONUS ARE NOT AFFECTED.

B. FUNDS FOR CANAL ZONE SPACES IN FY 75 CAN BE REPROGRAM-
MED FOR CONUS TRAINING.

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C. MAP SUPPORTED MOBILE TRAINING TEAMS WOULD NOT BE AVAIL-
ABLE. IN FY 74 FIVE TEAMS TOTTALLING 16 PERSONS WERE PRO-
GRAMMED. TEAMS COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE ON A REIMBURSABLE
BASIS.

6. REQUEST YOUR VIEWS ON ACCEPTABILITY OF THIS PROPOSAL
TO THE GOB. OUR ASSUMPTION, BASED ON THE FOREGOING
STATISTICS, IS THAT THE BRAZILIANS RETAIN A HIGH LEVEL OF

INTEREST IN CONUS TRAINING BUT MIGHT BE WILLING TO GIVE
UP VERY LIMITED USE OF CANAL ZONE AND MTT TRAINING IN
FAVOR OF ANOTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRY WHOSE NEED FOR
OVERSEAS MAP TRAINING IS HIGH. WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING
YOUR REPLY SOONEST AS IN NEED TO REACH A DECISION PROMPTLY
ON THIS MATTER. RUSH

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